SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2 (currently amended)

- (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

 a pair of insulating substrates bonded via a sealing material, and
 liquid crystal filled between said pair of insulating substrates,

 wherein a cell gap is formed so as to gradually <u>and continuously</u> increase from a center to an end of a display area at room temperature.
- 2. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising: a pair of insulating substrates bonded via a sealing material, and liquid crystal filled between said pair of insulating substrates, wherein a cell gap is formed so as to gradually and continuously increase from a center to an end of a display area at room temperature in a range of the cell gap that no irregular display color appears.

Claims 3-7 (original)

- 3. The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 1, wherein in said display area, a cell gap is smaller in the center by less than 0.13 µm than an average value of cell gaps on an end at room temperature.
- 4. The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 1, wherein in said display area, a cell gap is smaller in the center by 0.08μm or less than an average value of cell gaps on an end at room temperature.
- 5. The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 1, wherein a cell gap is formed so as to gradually increase from the center to an end of said display area at room temperature, and a cell gap is formed so as to gradually decrease from the center to the end of said display area at a high temperature.

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- 6. The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 3, wherein a cell gap is formed so as to gradually increase from the center to an end of said display area at room temperature, and a cell gap is formed so as to gradually decrease from the center to the end of said display area at a high temperature.
- 7. The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 4, wherein a cell gap is formed so as to gradually increase from the center to an end of said display area at room temperature, and a cell gap is formed so as to gradually decrease from the center to the end of said display area at a high temperature.

Claims 8 and 9 (currently amended)

- 8. (Amended) The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 1, wherein each of said pair of said insulating substrates is a glass substrate having a thickness of 0.55mm or less.
- 9. (Amended) The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 1, wherein each of said pair of said-insulating substrates is a plastic substrate having a thickness of 0.55mm or less.

Claims 10-11 (original)

- 10. The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 1, wherein said liquid crystal display device is an STN liquid crystal display device.
- 11. The liquid crystal display device as defined in claim 10, wherein an operating temperature ranges virtually between -20°C and 70°C.

Claim 12 (currently amended)

12. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
a pair of insulating substrates bonded via a sealing material, and
liquid crystal filled between said pair of insulating substrates,

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wherein a cell gap is smaller in a center than any other part of a display area at room temperature such that a cell gap difference, which increasingly and continuously gets larger with distance from the center, is set at a predetermined amount between the center and an end of said display area at a high temperature in a range of the cell gap that no display defect occurs.